

# IND vs ENG 1st Test Preview – Headingley, Leeds



## 1. A New Era Begins

- **Shubman Gill**, now India's full-time Test captain, makes his debut in England as leader. It's the first match in the **new WTC 2025–27 cycle** and the inaugural **Anderson–Tendulkar Trophy** clash
- England, led by **Ben Stokes**, bring a refreshed–yet reshuffled–attack featuring **Chris Woakes**, **Brydon Carse**, and **Josh Tongue**, stepping in after retirements of Anderson and Broad

## 2. Team Composition & Selection Drama

- India's lineup sees major rebuilding—no Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, or Ravichandran Ashwin. Key roles in flux: the crucial No. 3 and No. 6 slots
- Former star Mohammad Kaif warned coach Gautam Gambhir: “**Selectors shouldn't repeat the mistake**”—India must get balance right
- Expect the new-look XI to include Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Karun Nair, and promising pace duo Jasprit Bumrah and Siraj

### 3. Conditions at Headingley

- **Headingley** offers traditional English swing and bounce early on, with the potential for spin to surface late in the Test
- Unpredictable **Leeds weather** looms large—rain could disrupt play, potentially neutralizing results

**Know More:-** [Shubman Gill Career Stats And Overview](#)

### 4. Key Battles to Watch

- **India's top order vs England's seamers:** How will Jaiswal, Rahul, and Gill negotiate Woakes, Carse, Tongue?
- **Pant's wicketkeeping & lower-order runs:** His role as vice-leader and lower-order stabilizer now heightened without seniors
- **Bumrah vs English batsmen:** Will England's emerging lineup like Pope, Root, Brook cope against India's spearhead?

### 5. Momentum & Stakes

- India last won a Test series in England in **2007**. A fresh cycle and fresh leadership set a high bar
- England aims to maintain home dominance ahead of the **Ashes**, giving them extra incentive .

### Quick Match Overview

Match	Venue	Date	Start Time (IST)
1st Test	Headingley, Leeds	20–24 June 2025	3:30 PM

### Final Take

This isn't just a Test match—it's the beginning of a new journey:

- **Gill's India** stepping onto English soil without legends,
- England rebuilding post–Anderson/Broad era,
- Both sides vying for momentum in the World Test Championship.

**If India gets their selection and tactics right**, early sessions at Headingley could define the tone for the entire series.

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